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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: SATO et al

Entitled: ELUENT FOR ION CHROMATOGRAPHY FOR MEASURING
 ALKALINE EARTH METAL IONS, AND METHOD FOR
 ANALYZING ALKALINE EARTH METAL IONS, EMPLOYING IT

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and including attachments as noted below:

- Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
 12 pages of specification and claims (including 4 numbered claims), and
 2 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
 Record the attached assignment to _____ and return to the undersigned.
 Attached is a Power of Attorney.
 Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
2001-70358	Japan	13 03 2001

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
 Certified copy(ies) filed on May 30, 2002 in prior appln. no. 10/093,508 filed March 11, 2002
 This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
 This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/093,508, filed March 11, 2002, _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
 Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
 The prior application is assigned to Tosoh Corporation, Yamaguchi-Ken, Japan.
 It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.
 Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached.
 Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:
 Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Non-Publication Request; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Other:

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Basic Filing Fee		\$	770.00
Total effective claims	4 - 20 (at least 20) =	0 x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent claims	4 - 3 (at least 3) =	1 x \$ 86.00	\$ 86.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)		\$ 0.00	
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